

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A steam cooker comprising: at least one cooking element having a peripheral lateral wall; and a pedestal having a steam production base, wherein said at least one cooking element and said pedestal are constructed and dimensioned to allow said at least one cooking element to be placed in either an upright position on said pedestal to hold food being cooked or to be placed in an inverted position on said pedestal when said cooker is not in use so that said peripheral lateral wall of said at least one cooking element at least partially envelopes said pedestal, and further wherein said pedestal further comprises a vessel for recovering juices adapted to be placed on said steam production base and to be enveloped at least partially by said peripheral lateral wall of said at least one cooking element placed in the inverted position on said pedestal.
2. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said pedestal further comprises a cooking support adapted to be placed on said steam production base.

3. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said at least one cooking element has a bottom that rests on said pedestal when said at least one cooking element is disposed in the inverted position on said pedestal.
4. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said at least one cooking element two cooking elements constructed and dimensioned to be nested in one another when said cooker is not in use.
5. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 1, further comprising a lid provided to close said at least one cooking element, said lid having a skirt dimensioned to envelop at least a part of said peripheral lateral wall of said at least one cooking element when said at least one cooking element is disposed in the inverted position.
6. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 5, wherein said skirt comes to bear on said part of said peripheral lateral wall of said at least one cooking element when said at least one cooking element is disposed in the inverted position.
7. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said vessel for recovering juices has lateral recesses to facilitate gripping of said vessel by a user.

8. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 1, further comprising gripping organs disposed on an upper part of said at least one cooking element.

9. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said pedestal further comprises a retractable filling device for delivery of water to said steam production base.

10. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 9, wherein said retractable filling device is arranged under said vessel for recovering juices.

11. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 10, wherein said retractable filling device is arranged under a raised part of a bottom of said vessel for recovering juices.

12. (Previously presented) A steam cooker comprising: at least one cooking element having a peripheral lateral wall; a pedestal having a steam production base; and a vessel for recovering juices, wherein said at least one cooking element and said pedestal are constructed and dimensioned to allow said at least one cooking element to be placed in either an upright position on said pedestal to hold a food being cooked or in an inverted position on said pedestal so that said peripheral lateral wall at least partially envelopes said pedestal, said pedestal

further comprises a retractable filling device for delivery of water to said steam production base, said retractable filling device is arranged under said vessel for recovering juices, said retractable filling device is arranged under a raised part of a bottom of said vessel for recovering juices, and said retractable filling device comprises a drawer arranged under a bottom of said vessel for recovering juices.

13. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 12, wherein said drawer is mounted under said bottom of said vessel for recovering juices for pivotable movement along an axis.

14. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 1, further comprising a rice bowl, and wherein said pedestal has an outer annular lateral wall, said rice bowl and said outer annular lateral wall of said pedestal being dimensioned to allow said rice bowl to be disposed in inverted position on said pedestal with said outer annular lateral wall surrounding said rice bowl.

15. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 14, wherein said vessel for recovering juices has a bottom provided with a raised part, and wherein said rice bowl has a handle arranged to be housed above said raised part of said bottom of said vessel when said rice bowl is disposed in inverted position on said pedestal.

16. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 15, wherein said handle extends from a lateral face of said rice bowl, said lateral face being curved inwardly toward the interior of said rice bowl.
17. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 14, wherein said at least one cooking element is dimensioned so that when said at least one cooking element and said rice bowl are in inverted position on said pedestal, said at least one cooking element rests on said rice bowl.
18. (Original) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said base is provided with gripping elements.
19. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 18, wherein said base comprises a water reservoir mounted on a baseplate.
20. (Previously presented) The steam cooker of claim 19, wherein said gripping elements are part of said baseplate.
21. (New) The steam cooker of claim 1, wherein said vessel for recovering juices is adapted to be fully enveloped by said

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peripheral lateral wall of said at least one cooking element
placed in the inverted position on said pedestal.